

Remarks

Claims 10, 12, 14 and 24 have been amended. Claims 1-9, 17-23 and 25 have been canceled. Claims 26-31 have been added. Therefore, claims 10-16, 24 and 26-31 are now presented for examination.

In a final Office Action, claims 1-17, 19, 20, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Umen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,854,086).

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-rejection has been obviated by the amendment to claims 10 and 24.

In an interview with the Examiner on September 18, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if limitations were added to the independent claims. The limitation includes “associating each layout identifier with a format region, each format region defining an area on a document page, wherein each layout identifier controls placement of each data record within each format region, and where a set of layout parameters include formatting instructions relating to presentation of each data record in a document.” Applicants have amended claims 10 and 24 to include such a limitation.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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